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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

John Courtney

SERIAL NO. 09/862,864

FILED: May 22, 2001

FOR: Hitless Protection Switching

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) Examiner: Alpus Hsu  
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) Group Art Unit 2616  
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) Customer Number: 23644  
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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks

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In response to the Office Action of June 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.